

HOUSE BILL 204

By Hill M

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63,
relative to dental hygienists.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-5-115(d)(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(2) Licensed and registered dental hygienists working under written protocol, in addition to those requirements enumerated under the general supervision as authorized by § 63-5-108(c)(5), must:

(A) Have actively practiced as a licensed dental hygienist for at least five (5) years; provided, that, after satisfying the requirement of this subsection (d), in subsequent years the hygienist may work on a part-time basis;

(B) Have practiced two thousand (2,000) hours in the preceding five (5) years or taught dental hygiene courses for two (2) of the preceding three (3) years in a dental hygiene program accredited by the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation; and

(C) Completed six (6) hours of public health continuing education approved by the American Dental Hygienists Association or the Tennessee Dental Hygienists Association within the past two (2) years.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.